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1. Despite the promises of Hauptabteilungsleiter Erwin Kerber, of the Ministry of Material Supply, that the full monthly gasoline allocation of 400 tons for the Hauptverwaltung für Ausbildung (HVA) would be met for the month of February, only the minimum allocation of 350 tons was provided. An additional quantity of 50 tons, however, was bought from the Hauptverwaltung für Volkspolizei, which could not afford to take up its full allocation. This was particularly necessary because each of the four category C (armored) Objekte of the HVA had to be supplied with 4000 liters over and above their normal allocation.
2. The reason for the extra allocation to the category C Objekte is that drivers are now being instructed and may now drive the tanks on practice runs in the country surrounding their school or Bereitschaft. Only "Churchills" are being used in this manner. The T-34's and self-propelled assault guns remain static.
3. Unit commanders have been advised that they need no longer strive to keep their armored training secret from the populace. On the other hand, they have been cautioned not to draw unnecessary interest by driving their tanks into market places."

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